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Procurement of Cotton by CCI
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) had procured only eight lakh bales so far at Minimum Support Price (MSP) due to high prices of cotton;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the measures being taken by the Government to promote the procurement of cotton from farmers by the CCI at the MSP;
(d) whether by encouraging contract farming of cotton by CCI, cotton farmers receive remuneration that is equal to or in excess of the MSP fixed by the Government; and
(e) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to promote the contract farming of cotton?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As on 18.2.2016, in the present cotton season 2015-16 (October, 2015 to September, 2016), 196.68 lakh bales have arrived so far. Out of this, 8.21 lakh bales have been procured by CCI under MSP operation.

(c): Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has been entrusted with procurement of cotton from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP). During last cotton season, CCI along with its sub-agent Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Ltd. (MSCCGMFL) procured 92.6 lakh bales at MSP for the benefit of farmers. Similar action has been initiated for MSP operation for cotton (kapas) in this cotton season, giving attention to the following:-

(i) Purchase centres are operating on five days a week basis.
(ii) Payment to farmers is being made through Real-time Gross Settlement Systems (RTGS) to the extent possible.
(iii) Lint cotton and cotton seeds are being sold through e-Auction.
(iv) Awareness campaign has been taken up in a big way including display of Minimum Support Price (MSP) rate and quality parameters in local languages.
(v) Moisture content in cotton purchase is being dealt with as per guidelines (12% as the maximum).
(vi) Facilities have been developed for online grievance redressal.
(vii) MSP procurement is being monitored closely on a continuous basis at the highest level.

(d) & (e): Presently, CCI is not engaged in contract farming.

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